

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-28 (Canceled)

29. (New) A content reproducing device for reproducing data comprising locked content stored on a medium, the device comprising:

reading means for reading identification information unique to a medium,

communicating means for communicating to a server certain information based on such identification information,

unlocking means for unlocking the locked content after a validity of such certain information is certified through a server.

30. (New) The content reproducing device of claim 29, wherein the reading means is for reading identification information recorded on a medium in the form of stripe patterns, each stripe of which extends along a radius of such medium.

31. (New) The content reproducing device of claim 29, wherein the reading means is for reading identification

information recorded in an area overlapping a pre-pit region of a medium.

32. (New) The content reproducing device of claim 29, wherein the reading means is for reading certain information comprising a connection address of a server.

33. (New) A content reproducing method for reproducing data comprising locked content stored on a medium, the method comprising:

reading identification information unique to such medium,
communicating to a server certain information based on such identification information,

certifying such certain information through a server,
unlocking the locked content after validity of such certain information is certified.

34. (New) The content reproducing method of claim 33, wherein said reading comprises reading identification information that has been recorded on a medium in the form of stripe patterns, each stripe of which extends along a radius of such medium.

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35. (New) The content reproducing method of claim 33, wherein said reading comprises reading identification information has been recorded in an area overlapping a pre-pit region of a medium.

36. (New) The content reproducing method of claim 33, wherein said certifying comprises certifying certain information comprising a connection address of a server.